

Daily Eagle

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MERIT SHOULD WIN STATION.

In his speech at Syracuse Monday President Roosevelt uttered a sentiment which, for simplicity and comprehensiveness, is entitled to rank with the greatest public utterances of our times. In speaking of the sanctity and healthfulness of the American social system he said: "We can keep our social system what it should be only on condition of judging each man, not as a member of a class, but on his own worth as a man. It is an infamous thing in our American life, and fundamentally treacherous to our institutions, to apply to any man any test save that of his personal worth, or to draw between two sets of men any distinction save the distinction of conduct, the distinction that marks off those who do well and wisely from those who do ill and foolishly."

In the above sentiment the entire essence and life-principle of democracy is so fully contained that the student can fix himself upon it and build a fabric of popular government that will stand at least the test of his ideals. In it is an impeachment of the growing tendency of the times towards an idea that wealth and social environment should have privileges in, or under, government not open to people who have neither. It stands for the citizen who is the architect of his own character rather than the citizen who inherits it, or who borrows and reflects the character of others. It stands, as Roosevelt says, for personal worth making no distinction between citizens except the distinction of conduct.

The keynote of the speech is this, that the American government is not for the rich or the poor, but for all. This was the idea of the fathers who in making a document declaring all men to be free and equal gave sanction to the idea which has prevailed in the American mind for a century and a quarter and which no one has had the audacity to refute until recently, that any citizen may aspire to the place at the top and reach there by his own merits. Now comes a well defined effort to reach the top by and through the favors of wealth or social station, which, in these times, mean one and the same thing, or very nearly so. President Roosevelt stands by the old-fashioned idea of the promotion of the aptest and sees no reason why the humblest should not become the most exalted if, by his merit and by his superiority of character, he can prove his fitness for that station.

It is well to hear a man of President Roosevelt's political station and personal antecedents talk in the manner he did at Syracuse. He belongs to a stock which has a backward aristocratic lineage for two hundred years or more and can as properly advocate class and social privileges as any American, but he prefers to strive for public honors in an open field and on the level of equality, thus exemplifying in his own methods the sincerity of his sentiments. He is ambitious but he would rather win distinction on the issue of personal merit and character than upon the theory or claim that he ought to have it by reason of his social rank as a scion of the somewhat exclusive Dutch aristocracy of New York.

The speech was not a gem of eloquence, but it was a jewel in the line of good sense, good sentiment and good political principles.

PIUS KNOWS HOW TO SMILE.

A leading Italian paper publishes a sketch of the new Pope with this headline: "The Man Who Smiles," and the qualification, strange though it may seem when applied to a pope, is entirely truthful. The grim fight of the conclave has brought forth the smiling man, Pius X. He has seen poverty—hard poverty, too; he used, when a boy, to walk miles and miles every day to attend school, badly fed and badly shod, in the trying climate of northern Italy, and he has met all the hardships of life with his serene unalterable smile. This smile is the strength and the power of Pius X. Raimondo was too much of a fighter. Vannutelli too much of a growler. Whoever saw the cardinal coming out in his black-liveried carriages, the day the new Pope was elected, saw a sight never to be forgotten. Vannutelli tried to appear unconcerned; Vannutelli, according to the expressive Italian comparison, looked like a "whitewashed rag." Di Pietro kept himself curled up in his carriage, looking quite blue and defeated; Raimondo, impetuous as ever, seemed to pride himself on not betraying to the crowd the feelings which must have agitated his heart. It was a strange sight, to be sure, and an interesting one, both from the standpoint of the historian and of the philosopher, and supposing that the same historian and philosopher, and even the mere mortal in pursuit of impressions and emotions universal had, that same day, a few hours earlier, witnessed the first appearance of the Pope in the cathedral of St. Peter, the contrast must inevitably have struck him, between the noble, pale, serene countenance of the new Pontiff and the expression in the faces of his defeated electors. They all wore a mask of coldness and rigidity, during such an important ceremony as a conclave, but under the frozen mask the most worldly passions strained the muscles and wore out the alleged repose and quietness of spirit. No doubt even to our modern, impartial and unprejudiced minds the repetition of the historic fight assumes a character of deep interest and almost epic grandeur in its very characteristics of human passion and worldly motives.

THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY QUESTION.

The commissioners of Canada and the United States who are to settle the Alaskan boundary questions have had their first meeting in London and it is to be hoped that this long drawn dispute will now be finished, as the commission will sit five days in the week. A month at least ought to settle it.

The Boston Globe, discussing the status of the controversy says:

"As the documents covering the American contention alone cover three volumes and 1,100 pages, it would be difficult to convey any adequate idea of the dispute in detail. The Americans contend that it was the intention of the powers who signed the treaty of 1825 to confirm in full sovereignty to Russia a continuous strip, or lisiere, along the continental shores of the northwest coast of America, extending from Portland canal to the 141st meridian of longitude west of Greenwich, and that such strip was to be ten marine leagues, measured from the heads of all gulfs and other arms of the sea.

"Of course, whatever sovereignty resided in Russia when she sold Alaska was transferred to the United States. A glance at the map of Alaska suffices to show that a strip that the United States claims to have held ever since the Russian purchase contains most of the coast area which has proved to be so valuable for agriculture and commerce.

"Most Americans have a false idea of the soil and climate of Alaska. Yet many are finding it a profitable and

convenient country to live in. There is abundant evidence that the great valley of the north can support a large civilized population much better than it did the scanty tribes of wandering Indian hunters who were so long its only occupants.

"Already the Yukon Horticultural society is a flourishing institution, and the members are showing with pride their grains and vegetables. It has just been holding a big agricultural fair.

"It is to be hoped that the tedious Alaskan dispute is now on the way to a final settlement."

BIRTH OF REPUBLICAN FRANCE.

Friday last was the thirty-third birthday of the French republic. For exactly a generation France has been living under her present form of government, and there are no indications of approaching change.

With our century and a quarter of republican experience this may seem nothing remarkable to us, but it is a great thing for France, says the New York World. Up to yesterday it had been a hundred and fourteen years since any Frenchman had been born and lived to the age of thirty-three under a single government. In the thirty-three years beginning with 1789 France saw the absolute monarchy, the republic with all its shifting constitutions, the empire, the Bourbon restoration, the empire again, and again the Bourbons. In the succeeding thirty-three years she had the legitimate monarchy, the revolutionary monarchy of Louis Philippe, the second republic and the second empire. The next generation finished the second empire and brought in the third republic, which has now lasted nearly twice as long as any other government France has known since the revolution.

In 1870 the republic stood for liberty and national self-respect. Now it stands for stability as well. French republicans are no longer revolutionists, but conservatives. In a generation that has known no other form of government, it is the monarchists who are rash experimenters. The same convulsion that gave birth to the French republic also created the German empire and completed the unification of Italy. Thus the three vigorous powers in which rests the hope of continental Europe started together on their high careers. Certainly there are no indications that the foundations of the republic are any less solid than those of the neighboring monarchies. Indeed, some people would not be surprised to see a president in France after there had ceased to be an emperor in Germany or a king in Italy.

FALL OF A MICROBE REPUBLIC.

Two monarchies have combined to extinguish one small republic. The latter is Altenburg, a tiny territory comprising about one and one-half square miles, and with a population of not more than 2,500 people. It has been claimed alternately by Prussia and Belgium, although since 1816 these claims have been dormant and Altenburg has governed itself under a miniature republican system. Lately the authorities agreed to sell gambling privileges to a Belgian syndicate, which proposed to convert Altenburg into a second Monte Carlo. Belgium and Prussia objected simultaneously, and arranged between them the suppression of the "republic." Prussia sold her claims to Belgium and now the latter is in full control of Altenburg, and the gamblers will have to go. Here is a case in which independence was properly declared forfeited. States which so use their liberty as to be a menace or an annoyance to their neighbors must expect to have imposed upon them from the outside that regulation of their affairs which they cannot or will not exercise themselves. There are several minor states in Europe that are larger than Altenburg and proportionately more troublesome to live beside them. Civilization would benefit if the liberty which they have construed as license were destroyed through the intervention of some power strong enough to guarantee order where disorder now prevails. The scandal of unpunished murderers sitting in high places now presented at Belgrade would be unimaginable under, say, Austrian rule, and but for the semi-independence of Bulgaria the Balkans might be a great deal less dangerously volcanic than they are today.

Over the objections of her father, Congressman Brownlow of Tennessee, Miss Brownlow, a Washington society favorite, has run away with a man from her own town. The good sense of children sometimes exceeds and is better than the social ambitions of their parents.

Rooseveltian aphorism: "We must act upon the motto of all for all and each for all." A lot of people nevertheless act upon the principle of every man for himself, with His Satanic Majesty perfecting a lead-pipe cinch on the hindmost.

If that fight against the coal combine at Topeka is to do anything of benefit to the public, it is to be hoped that it will do it before we have to read the court proceedings with our feet on the base-burner.

Dan Patch is doing good work on the half-mile track. But the half-mile track doesn't go. The low records are made on the mile tracks, and Dan should confine his efforts to these.

Roosevelt: "It is an infamous thing in our American life, and fundamentally treacherous to our institutions, to apply to any man any test save that of his personal worth."

While Roosevelt was on his way to Syracuse two mysteriously acting men who followed him were arrested. It is no easy thing to the nerves to be president.

From the number in the state, there is every reason to believe that the cruises got an indication from somewhere that Kansas raised wheat this year.

A pamphlet is about to be issued in a controversy over the cause of the late Pope's death. To what wonderful lengths men will go for dispute.

When the circus tent at Anthony blew down the other day nearly all the people escaped, but none of the animals did. But in a different way.

Those who are acquainted with the Arkansas razor-back are not surprised at the success of the large vegetarian colony in that state.

The latest thing sprung on Folk of St. Louis is that he is "no lawyer." The evidence that Folk is all right seems to be multiplying.

New York state has more saloons by 7,000 than all the southern states combined. But the south has more hip pockets.

It is snowing in Colorado and the tourists can do nothing more sensible than to come home and thaw out.

There is great concern over the alleged discovery that the Mississippi river runs up hill. It runs, anyhow.

The city schools and the summer term of the criminal court will open simultaneously at Kansas City today.

Is it possible that those who are clamoring for elastic money are in the pay-roll of the rubber trust?

Mrs. Mollneux has a hard time receding into oblivion.

THE PIKERS' LAMENT.

It was the most extraordinary thing that ever happened in Wichita. The Robinson show's calliope omitted Hiawatha from its program.

The PROGRESS of moral decency has so far advanced in St. Louis under the INFLUENCE of FOLKISM that there is quite a little sentiment there in favor of the observance of the SABBATH DAY.

"It was mighty good in the Sultan to send word to the American minister at Constantinople that his life was in danger," declared Farmer Doolittle yesterday. "Abdul Hamid is a pretty decent sort of a fellow, after all."

The following is a JOKE, "something said for the sake of exciting a laugh," as Noah Webster puts it. Now the FOLLOWING may not answer to Mr. Webster's description, but Webster is an old-timer and we absolutely know the FOLLOWING is a JOKE by the appearance of the construction of it. Any one doubting the truth of the foregoing after reading the FOLLOWING can verify the same by writing Clark Conkling, care of Mrs. C. Conkling, Lyons, Rice county, Kansas.

Ed Hoch has been assailing Charlie Scott because of the "don't's" in his paper, which should be "doesn't's." And now "Senator" Charlie will cast his critic's eye over last week's Record and scornfully remark, "county's, where's yer spellin' book?"

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Dear cousin: pa an i went to the circus an staid to three honest Phoe Lady with blue Legs sung bout nautty nautty little man to us Pa sed she were singin to me and He wared his hand at her for me

your sammie

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It was Oliver Wendell Holmes who discovered that Budd Doble, the famous horse jockey who was thrown from his mount Monday, has a CATARRHAL name.

There is another thing to be charged against INTemperance. When money is tight litigation is very common.

KENTUCKY is probably the only state in the Union where a battle with rifles and revolvers could occur at a camp-meeting without arousing comment. In that state a gun seems about as sacred as a Bible.

Again it is proved beyond question that the lot of the millionaire is a hard one. There is that club man of New York who died of heart disease and was only 73 years of age.

WE knew it would happen. The newspapers kept talking about what Carrie Brown would do to Vesuvius till now even the old mountain has quit smoking.

We are in favor of getting up a petition asking the government to transfer that Louisville weather director to Wichita. A little snow would go mighty well these nights.

"That congressman's daughter who eloped with a liverman is evidently fond of horses," observed Coroner Mac at the court house yesterday. "Say, that was a horse on the congressman, eh?"

A negro swindler actually got a fair trial and was acquitted in Georgia a day or two ago. The fact that he robbed a Union soldier of his pension offers some explanation for the result.

Lexington Leader: The Wichita Eagle in a long editorial says that Roosevelt practices what he preaches. Of course he does, and he preaches trusts, militarism, high tariff and negro equality with the whites. That is one time a Republican paper told the truth.

Those poems on the BEAUTIFUL SNOW which the Eagle declined last week should be expressed or freighted to save expense to the Rocky mountain papers.

BUTTONS MAKES THE MAN. When cops go walking down the street, Pray tell me if you can, Why we don't know them in plain clothes? 'Tis buttons makes the man.

The king unsewed the army's host, This world has set the ban, We must then by our turn to look— 'Tis buttons makes the man.

Of course there are some men who know About the inner plan, But to the mass that hurries by 'Tis buttons makes the man. M. M. L.

X-X-X El Dorado Republican: Shoot the man on the Wichita Eagle who gets up the Piker stuff for the editorial page.

Toledo defines America as a nation "ABSORBED IN THE PURSUIT OF MONEY." That is unkind in Leo, to whose idiosyncrasies this country has always been charitable.

If Uncle Sam wants to go up to Constantinople to protect his minister, he will have to use a row boat.

Topeka Herald: A Winfield correspondent announces that Cowley county will have "a great display of home-grown products this year, including a baby show."

THE evil genius hunting for opportunities to mutilate humanity never overlooks a circus. Neither do folks.

Dr. Burton disagrees with Plato: "Utopian parity is a kind of government to be wished for rather than effected. Respub. Christianopolitana, Campanella's city of the Sun, and that new Atlantis witty fiction, but many chimeras and Plato's community in many things is impious, absurd and ridiculous; it takes away all splendour and magnificence."

(By Noah Webster.) SALMAGUNDI, n. (fr. salmagunda, from Lat. salmagunda, condit. pl. from sal-gama, pickles, and condita, preserved, p. p. of condire, to preserve; or from the Countess Salmagundi, lady of honor to Maria de Medici, pepper and onions, Johnson.)

OUTLINES OF OKLAHOMA.

"Paint up" will be the cry next. The fall is a good time.

The fair opens at Jefferson today. Jefferson is going to be pretty busy this season.

The Frederick Enterprise will enlarge to a five or six-column quarto. Its new press is on the road.

During August seventy-one cars of produce were shipped out of Frederick. Forty-five contained grain.

Breakfast food was the favorite at the Tonkawa carnival, according to the News. Conetti was too expensive.

Mountain View is being wired for telephones. The Topeka and El Reno company are putting the system in.

Broom-corn in Comanche county brings \$2 a ton on the Frederick market. During the rebellion it brought \$15 a ton.

Rain uncovered a paying vein of coal near Stroud, last week. There is no telling what a cloud-burst would discover.

Superintendent Seger, in the Arapahoe country, is making a fight against the Sun Dance. Missionaries are backing him.

Braman will also celebrate the opening of the Strip on September 16. An old settlers' organization will be formed then.

A high school has been established at Arapahoe. This is a story which all Custer county should commend in its progressive city.

Custer county Republicans are going to hold that love feast on September 9, at Weatherford. Senator Webster will assist. It is said.

The town scrap in Custer county has received a solar plexus blow. It has gotten to the place where poetry is used for ammunition.

Some of the Oklahoma papers in long editorials last week tried to solve the race problem, while the world was interested in the yacht race.

Matt Duhr relates that an Arlington preacher and his wife lived on \$80 the last year. Matt is now trying to figure up how much that preacher gets an hour for his labor.

The Marshall Tribune says that the farmers are cutting up their corn for fodder, and with the immense stacks of straw, it thinks the cattle will be able to live through the winter.

Ursel Finch offers to sell the Jet News to any ambitious politician for \$1,000 cash, the devil thrown in. Politicians as a rule have a plentiful supply of the latter tribe and an abundance of what they raise.

The Tonkawa News appeals to the creditors of the burned-out establishments to pay their bills now, when the money is most needed. It will take a hotter fire than ever burned on earth to get some people to pay their bills.

To promote harmony among the business men of the town, the Cordell Beacon proposes to resolve the Commercial club into a 6 o'clock meeting every two weeks and partake of a supper to be provided by one of the churches at 25 cents a plate. The question is, would a man with his stomach full of cold chicken and ice water think of any brilliant scheme to help the town?

Sac and Fox agency correspondence, in Chandler News: Tom Pinshree, a Kickapoo squaw with considerable Sac and Fox money, is continually threatening to "exodus to Old Mexico."

Dr. Tom Miles is probably the only full-blood Indian in Oklahoma that is a graduate of a medical college. Dr. Miles says that he doesn't practice medicine for the simple reason that he can live without practicing.

Arapahoe Bee: They used buttons in campaigns in days of yore. While Frank Stewart was plowing corn on his farm, near town this summer, he plowed up an old campaign button containing the image of Henry Clay on one side and on the other side is Clay and Prentiss-huyson, Protection and Union. The button was made of copper or brass, and is quite an expensive campaign badge. It shows the old Whigs were the loyal boys in those days. Mr. Stewart prizes his find very highly and has refused some good offers for it.

ALONG THE KANSAS NILE.

Next comes the corn harvest and then the cockle-burr.

The cattlemen's picnic at Kingman began yesterday. It is sure to be a success.

At Haven a preacher deals in typewriters. He says the machines talk for themselves.

Pure cider is selling at 20 cents a gallon. Is there any reason why people should be temperate?

The superintendent of Reno county schools is getting up a book concerning them. It takes the place of an annual report.

The car shortage is said to be unrelieved. The dulltest season in the year promises to be busy with the overflow of work.

Arkansas City is being treated to some Kay county, Oklahoma, scandal by the Traveler. It is much milder than the home product.

If New England cotton manufacturers were half-way decent they would have ordered that "shut-down" while the harvest was on in Kansas.

The latest entertainment for young men at Newton is describing feminine creations at the parties. "Cotton-lilies" was the noun most often indulged in.

The big stone bridge over the Walnut, seven miles northeast of Arkansas City, has been completed. The farmers will celebrate the event with a picnic.

Fred Vandegrift estimates that there would be held in 1904, by the various political parties in Kansas, 2,500 conventions. Vandegrift will be present at about 578 of them.

The Douglas Tribune prints the names of six young men who many months ago tottered into an argument to marry. Only one has succeeded in finding a better or even a worse half.

"This is the week of the reunion," says the Arkansas City Traveler, "and the town will be full of questionable characters. This is not a very hospitable way of welcoming the old settlers."

The Lyons Republican announces that there will be no special invitation to the Republican banquet, October 4, to home folk. Every fellow from Rice county will be expected to put up for a plate.

There being no demand for them, Kansas jobbers have abandoned dealing in California fruits. Kansas people find Kansas fruit better than the California product, and so do a great many others.

Thanks are due to Edith W. for her good work at Anderson, Ind. She proved there that which was proved by Patchen and Gentry in their day, that Sedgewick county is the natural home of the horse that breaks world's records.

If that Kansas contribution to the military glory of the country, General Frederic Funston, is ordered to Constantinople for the protection of the American minister, we will guarantee that he will reach there if he has to swim up the Bosphorus.

El Dorado Republican: A number of Methodist brethren got up early this morning, got their breakfasts and went to the church to take down the old hymn-book and get in new ones. The minister bowed the job and from the deliberative way in which the brethren went at it, we are of the opinion that it was finished some time during the afternoon.

Hutchinson News: Mrs. Coloma Murdoch is in Colorado seeking excuses to prolong her vacation. She hired a man on the Wichita Eagle remarks: "What's the use going to the Rocky mountains to cure some vapor when you can get as much twice as much energy as that gained to replenish the power that the outing has depleted? Ten dollars' worth of fresh air obtained in the timber of the Arkansas valley is worth 120 worth of Colorado breeze."

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